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BLAMM!
AND A COMPANY OF LEGIONNAIRES WAS ORDERED OUT TO RAID THE RAIDING ARABS...
THAT BLEEDIN' IRISHMAN ALMOST CRACKED ME BLINKIN' SKULL!
BLAST THE CAPTAIN... 'E RIDES 'IS 'ORSE WHILST US SLOBS WALK!
'E'LL GET US ALL KILLED, LIKELY AS NOT!
AS THE LEGIONNAIRES MARCHED, THE DRUM RATTLED A CADENCE AND THE NORTH AFRICAN DESERT WINDS BLEW FINE SAND INTO THEIR EYES AND LUNGS WHILE A MERCILESS SUN BURNED THEIR FLESH.... AND 'DUST DEVILS' RACED ACROSS THE SANDS!
ANOTHER BLASTED DUST DEVIL... DAMNED IF THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE MONSTERS COMIN' AFTER US!

THEY FOUND THE BURNED OUT LEGION POST..... WITH BODIES SPRAWLED IN THE SAND...A PLACE OF DEATH !
WE GONNA STAY HERE WITH ALL THEM DEAD BODIES, SERGEANT?
I DON'T LIKE IT ANY BETTER THAN YOU, LIMEY ! FAIR GIVES ME THE SHIVERS, IT DOES!
CAPTAIN ! SOMETHIN'S MOVIN' OUT THERE !
ONLY A DUST DEVIL, SERGEANT ! YOU IRISH ALWAYS DID HAVE VIVID IMAGINATIONS !
BUT THE BERBER RAIDERS HADN'T GONE FAR.... THEY LURKED IN A HOLLOW LESS THAN A MILE AWAY..... WAITING !
THE BLINKIN' BERBERS CAPTURED THIS FORT ONCE.....IT AIN'T LIKE THEM TO TYKE A FORT AN' THEN RIDE AWAY !
WE ATTACK SOON AFTER MOONSET WHEN THE DARKNESS WILL BE GREAT !
KEEP THE MEN ALERT, GROGAN ! THESE BERBERS ARE TREACHEROUS !

I ZEE ZUMZING MOOFING, SARGE!
SUDDENLY, A BERBER KNIFE PLUNGED HOME.... A LEGIONNAIRE MACHINE GUNNER WAS SHOT FROM WITHIN THE FORT....
THE BLINKIN' BERBERS ARE INSIDE THE WALLS!
AAAHG!
CRACK!
STAND FAST, LEGIONNAIRES!
NOT LIKELY! I'M GETTIN' OUTA THIS BLINKIN' TOMB BEFORE THEY SLITS ME THROAT!
COME ON, KRAUT.... WE GOTTA MAKE IT BACK TO THE FORT!
YOU HAD A GOOD IDEA FOR ONCE, LIMEY!



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HURRY UP.... I'M PARCHED, I AM!
DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH, KRAUT! THAT WATER GOTTA LAST A COUPLE DAYS!
YOU VAS DUMBKOPF TO COME WITHOUT CANTEEN, LIMEY! I VILL NOT GIVE YOU WATER! FIND YOUR OWN!
YOU HAF NO RIFLE EITHER! VOT GOOD ARE YOU?
I BROUGHT SOMETHIN', KRAUT!
THIS!
THE BLINKIN' KRAUT THOUGHT 'E WAS SMART... BUT NOBODY OUTSMARTS BERTIE BLYE!
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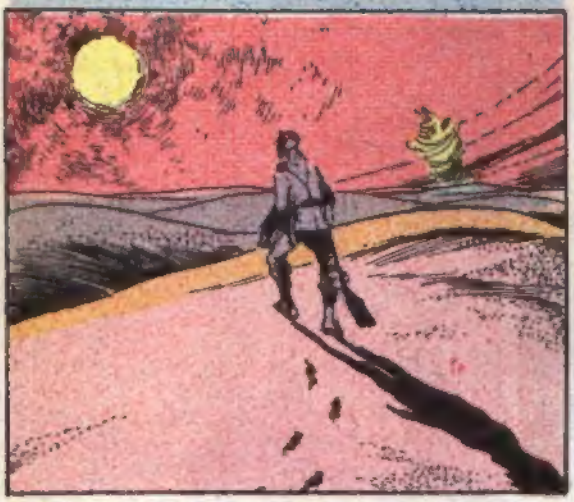
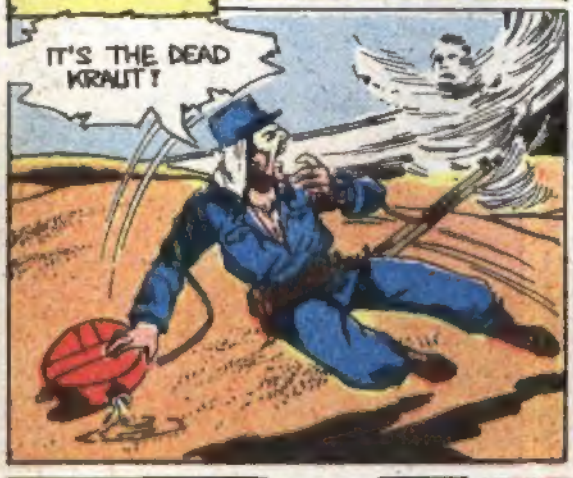
PVT. BLYE, A THIEF AND TRAITOR, HAD NOW BECOME A MURDERER... BUT HE WAS TOUGH ENOUGH TO CROSS THE SAHARA AND REACH THE FORT, HE KNEW...



NOW, THE SUN WAS GETTING TO HIM... FOR A MOMENT, HE SAW CPL. KREISSERS' HUGE BULK AND....



HE SLEPT EXHAUSTED THAT NIGHT... AND WITH DAYLIGHT STARTED FOR THE FORT! HE WAS WITHIN A FEW MILES WHEN HE SUDDENLY SAW.....

GOTTA RUN OR THEY'LL CATCH ME AN' SLIT ME THROAT !
THE TOUGH LITTLE LIMEY TRUDGED MILES THROUGH THE BURNING SANDS UNTIL HE SAW THE FORT IN THE DISTANCE AND....
I'M NEARLY THERE !
IT'S KREISSER AGAIN! 'E WON'T REST UNTIL I'M AS DEAD AS 'E IS !
GOT TER GET AWAY FROM THE BLINKIN' GHOST OF KREISSER!
'I'M DYIN' O' THIRST.... GETTIN' TOO MUCH SUN...
LE ME ALONE, BLAST YA !

SENTRIES AT THE FORT SCANNED THE SHIMMERING SAND LOOKING FOR THE RETURN OF THE LEGIONNAIRES..
WELL? DO YOU SEE ANYTHING BUT DUST DEVILS OUT THERE, LEGIONNAIRE?
I THOUGHT I DID, SIR" THEN, DIN' I DEVILS FORMED AND I LOST 'I':
"THERE IS A MAN OUT THERE, CAPTAIN.... WITH A DUST DEVIL CHASING HIM--- AS IF IT WUZ ALIVE!"
THE DUST DEVIL DIDN'T WHIRL AWAY... PVT. BERTH BLYE RAN, HOARSELY PANTING IN TERROR.. EACH TIME HE LOOKED BACK HE SAW CPL. KREISSER'S TOWERING FIGURE ...
I SAID I'D GET YOU, LIMEY... YOU ARE DOOMED!
NO.. LEMME BE... EEEEIII !!
A PATROL FOUND PVT. BERTON BLYE'S BODY NOT A MILE FROM THE FORT....
HIS TRACKS IN THE SAND INDICATE HE'S BEEN NEAR THE FORT FOR TWO DAYS... SOMETHING FRIGHTENED HIM AWAY EACH TIME HE WAS ALMOST SAFE! I THINK THE DUST DEVILS KILLED HIM!
PERHAPS DUST DEVILS DID FRIGHTEN THE POOR DEVIL, CAPTAIN.... BUT THIS MAN WAS STRANGLED.... BY TWO VERY POWERFUL HANDS!
THE END

# the WOMAN in the PAINTING

It happened when I was fourteen years of age; and my memory of that event is so clear that it could have taken place yesterday, even though sixty years have passed since the lady in the painting spoke to me. My beloved father, Baron Henri De Rochmaunt, was Minister of Finance in the Cabinet. Our country home was in the family chateau situated near the town of Orangea. My parents had gone for the week to Paris.

I was alone with my tutor, Monsieur Francois Degobert. It was a beautiful day when he made a simple suggestion to me.

"Victor, we will take a hike in the country; and if the weather is pleasant, we shall do something you always wanted to do. We shall sleep on the ground."

So we packed some food, and we started on our way. Much better to my way of thinking than to remain home in the chateau. We had our lunch in the afternoon at the side of a lake. I watched the pretty swans as they sort of paraded on the top of the water. My tutor had a book with him which he gave me to read. It was a story about a monastery high in the French Alps. When I finished part of it, we talked about the Alps. Then we continued on our way. Then suddenly, the skies darkened.

"Looks like rain," said Monsieur Francoft Degobert. "We will quicken our pace. We should make the "Retreat" before the clouds pour upon us the water they contain."

I had never been to the "Retreat." I knew it contained paintings and that when my father wanted to be alone and work on some important state matter, he would go there by himself and thus be able to concentrate on his tasks without any interference. We made the place just in time. It seemed to me that the Heavens had almost decided to flood the area.

My tutor made a fire in the large fireplace and I was hungry. So we ate again. When night came he lit some lamps and candles, then showed me to my bedroom. On the wall was the portrait of a very beautiful young woman. I just couldn't help admiring it.

"I will leave the book with you," he suggested. "But I do not think you will read it. You show you admire the picture."

He was right about that. I just put my head on the pillow and looked directly at the picture. It seemed to me that the woman in the painting was moving. I first told myself my eyes must be getting very tired. Then I heard her speak to me."

"Welcome here, Victor," she said. "And don't be frightened that I speak to you or know your name. Your grandfather let us live here rent free — so that my husband, Marcel, could spend time painting. He wanted to be a famous painter. He asked me to pose for this picture. But alas, after my death, he did not linger very long in this world. Enough of that. Now about you and your future.

There will be a war, and France will suffer very much. I would suggest that you study medicine. You will make many great contributions that will help mankind. I know that just now you want to do nothing else but enjoy life - which is natural at your age. But you must think of the future. When you make your decision, you will find no opposition from your parents."

When she finished speaking, I heard some thundering. Of course, I was frightened. I figured it was my imagination. Try as I did, I was unable to sleep until my eyes closed from sheer exhaustion. It was late in the morning when my tutor awoke me.

"I had a terrible nightmare," I told him. "I dreamed that the woman in the painting spoke to me. Now don't laugh at me. She told me the name of her husband was Marcel."

He didn't laugh at me. He became very serious. We had breakfast, and then we continued on our way home. We reached the chateau late in the afternoon to be greeted warmly by my parents who had returned from Paris earlier than expected. My tutor told me to leave the library room, and then spoke to my father. As I later learned, it was about the painting. Then my father sent for me and suggested very kindly I tell him all about it. Which I did. He sat in his great, large, overstuffed chair and looked at me very seriously.

"My father did permit Marcel Grise and his wife to live there rent free. Marcel did paint that picture of his wife; it does look life-like. The story is that when he finished, it, she died. That she herself was now the weaven in the painting. So life-like an artistic creation. He died soon afterwards of a broken heart. He gave the painting to my father, and it has been in that room ever since. What can I say about the advice she gave you? If you wish to study medicine later, you have my blessings." I did, and my discoveries have made the world a better place.

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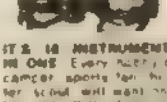

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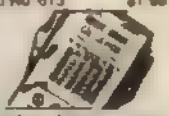

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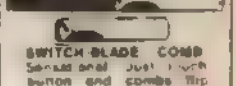

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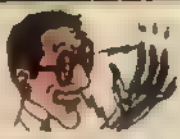

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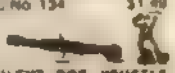

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ONCE, IN MERRIE OLDE ENGLANDE, HIGHWAYMEN ROAMED THE BYWAYS... SEARCHING FOR MERCHANTS WITH BULGING PURSES, PLUNDERING THE NOBLEMEN'S CARRIAGES WHEN THEY WERE FOOLHARDY ENOUGH TO TRAVEL AFTER NIGHTFALL! ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS OF THESE GENTRY WAS COLIN GIBBONS, A DASHING, FOOLHARDY FELLOW WHO MISTAKENLY HALTED A CARRIAGE ON THE MUCH-TRAVELED ROAD FROM LONDON TO DOVER... AND WAS HANGED FOR HIS PAINS!
WE HANGED HIM WITHOUT TRIAL, SIR HUBERT... UNDER ENGLISH LAW, EVEN COLIN GIBBONS WAS ENTITLED TO HIS DAY IN COURT!
YOU SOFT-HEARTED OLD FOOL!
I WAS GIVEN A SCORE OF DRAGOONS AND ORDERED TO CLEAR THE DOVER ROAD OF HIGHWAYMEN! I INTEND TO DO EXACTLY THAT WITHOUT HELP OR HINDRANCE FROM THE LAW!
WHEN DAWN CAME, THE PEOPLE FOUND HIS BODY SWAYING IN THE WIND! COLIN'S SON, JAMES, VIEWED IT... WITHOUT SORROW OR A SINGLE TEAR!
EDITOR GEORGE WILDMAN
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THE KING'S TAX COLLECTORS VISITED THE VILLAGE AGAIN YESTERDAY, MASTER JAMES! NOW, WE HAVE NOUGHT TO EAT AND THE CHILDREN ALREADY CRY WITH THE HUNGER!
I KNOW, ROBBIE! 'TIS WHY MY FATHER RODE LAST NIGHT...
...HE KNEW SIR HUBERT CHUBB AND HIS DRAGOONS WERE SEEKING HIM...BUT MY FATHER HEARD THE WOMEN MOURN AS THEIR LOVED ONES DIED OF STARVATION! SO HE RODE...AND NOW HE HANGS THERE AS A WARNING TO US ALL!
WHEN COLIN GIBBONS HAD RIDDEN THE DOVER ROAD HE WAS A FIGURE TO STRIKE TERROR TO THE HEARTS OF MEN! MOUNTED ON A COAL-BLACK STALLION, CAPED IN BLACK, HE CARRIED PISTOLS THAT MEN SAID COULD NEVER MISS! MANY A NIGHT THEY'D SEEN HIM PASS...LIKE THE DEVIL'S OWN THEY SAID, AND CROSSED THEMSELVES!
FASTER, PRINCE...THEIR BULLETS CANNOT CATCH US NOW!
BLACK COLIN FOUND A RICH ONE THIS NIGHT, LETITIA! TOMORROW, AT THE VILLAGE GREEN, THERE WILL BE FOOD FOR US ALL!
BUT, ALAS, COLIN GIBBONS WOULD RIDE NO MORE...A VILLAGE WOULD SUFFER AND MANY WOULD DIE BECAUSE OF IT!
THE TAX COLLECTORS TOOK THE COWS SO THERE'LL BE NO MILK! THEY KILLED THE CHICKENS. WE WILL HAVE NO EGGS. THEY LEFT US NOTHING BUT THE MEMORY OF A GOOD MAN!

THE HIGH SHERIFF BRANDED MY FATHER A THIEF! SIR HUBERT CHUBB HANGED HIM WITHOUT A TRIAL...
THEY SAY MY FATHER WAS EVIL...YET AN ENTIRE VILLAGE WEEPS AT HIS DEATH!
HE NEVER KEPT A SHILLING OF WHAT HE TOOK! ALL OF IT WENT TO THE VICTIMS OF OUR TYRANT KING IN WHITEHALL!
NOW, THE KING'S TAX COLLECTORS WILL FEEL SAFE TO HAUL THEIR GOLD AND JEWELS FROM LONDON TO DOVER!
THE POOR WILL STARVE AND DIE...WHILE THE FAT CATS IN THE KING'S PALACE AND THE GREAT MANSIONS GROW FAT!
AS IF SOMEONE HAD READ HIS MIND, THAT NIGHT JAMES GIBBONS HEARD A NOISE IN THE SHED BEHIND THE HOUSE AND FOUND....
FATHER'S STALLION... IT RAN AWAY WHEN THE DRAGOONS CAPTURED HIM...NOW, SOMEONE HAS RETURNED HIM!
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THE LONDON-TO-DOVER STAGECOACH ROAD PASSED THROUGH THE TOWN! THAT NIGHT, JAMES GIBBONS WATCHED THE GREAT IRON-RIMMED WHEELS CARRY THE SWAYING COACHES PAST THE COTTAGES!
SHE WEARS ENOUGH JEWELS TO BUY FOOD FOR OUR TOWN FOR MONTHS! HE MUST HAVE A PURSE FAT WITH GOLD!
WE LOOKED TO YOUR FATHER FOR HELP WHEN THERE WAS NO FLOUR FOR BREAD OR MEAT FOR THE POTS! NOW, WE HAVE NO HOPE LEFT!
WHEN HE WENT HOME, JAMES GIBBONS FOUND A POLISHED WOODEN BOX IN THE STABLE BEHIND THE HOUSE... INSIDE WERE....
SOMEONE LEFT THESE FOR ME! WHY; UNLESS...I AM THE ONLY ONE THEY THINK WILL USE THEM!
OUR NEIGHBORS NEED HELP, MY SON! THE KING HAS TAKEN OUR FOOD AND GIVEN NOTHING IN RETURN. SOMEONE MUST HELP THEM LIVE!
I'LL DO IT! MY FATHER WAS A FINE AND HONORABLE MAN,..IF HE WAS A THIEF, HE HAD REASON TO BE!

NEXT NIGHT, AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN, JAMES GIBBONS DONNED THE CLOAK HIS FATHER HAD ALWAYS WORN.. THE SAME HAT ...AND RODE THE COAL-BLACK STALLION FROM THE COTTAGE STALL!
FATHER KNEW HOW TO MANAGE THESE THINGS! I HOPE I DON'T BLUNDER THE FIRST TIME I STOP A STAGECOACH!
NOW,..
HALT! SET YOUR BRAKES AND EVERYONE CLIMB DOWN!
IS IT...IT CAN'T BE YOU, GIBBONS! I SAW YOU HANGED FOR YOUR CRIMES AGAINST THE CROWN!
BACK IN THE COACH, HANGMAN! DRIVER...DON'T STOP BETWEEN HERE AND DOVER ELSE I'LL PUT A BULLET IN YOUR HEART!
D-DO AS HE SAYS, FINCH!
BLAM
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CHUBB'S COACH RACED OFF INTO THE NIGHT! JAMES GIBBONS DISTRIBUTED THE LOOT TO OLDER, HONEST MEN... THEY KNEW HOW TO TURN THE GOLD AND JEWELS INTO THE NEEDED FOOD AND CLOTHES!

THE PEOPLE HAVE FOOD AGAIN, BOY...BUT 'TWILL NOT LAST LONG! THE POST RIDER STOPPED FOR ALE, BREAD, AND CHEESE IN THE INN AN HOUR BACK..

...THE KING IS SENDING A CHEST OF GOLD TO HIS COUSIN, LE DUC DU PLAGE IN NORMANDY! IT WILL PASS TONIGHT!

THE SCOURGE OF THE DOVER ROAD WAS OUT THAT NIGHT...BUT SIR HUBERT CHUBB'S DRAGOONS WERE WAITING!

DROP THE WEAPON, ROGUE, OR WE'LL RIDDLE YOUR WORTHLESS CARCASS!

THEN...ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RACING STAGECOACH A PISTOL BARKED...AND A DRAGOON FELL.

LOOK! IT'S THE GHOST OF THE HIGHWAYMAN WE HANGED; HE'S COME BACK TO HAUNT CHUBB!

BLAM

BLAM BLAM BLAM

WITH THE GHOST OF COLIN GIBBONS TO HAUNT HIM, THE KING BECAME MORE TOLERANT TOWARDS HIS PEOPLE. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR JAMES GIBBONS TO RIDE ANYMORE!

FATHER HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN DEATH WHAT HE SET OUT TO DO. THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR THE SCOURGE OF DOVER ROAD.

THE END

THIS WAS GAY PAREE, KIDDIES, AND A LOVERS MOON HUNG IN THE SKY ABOVE THE EIFFEL TOWER..AS ELLEN GRANT, AMERICAN TOURIST LEFT HER HOTEL ENROUTE TO THE LEFT BANK CAFE WHERE HER FRIENDS WERE WAITING, SHE WONDERED WHAT THE NIGHT HELD IN STORE FOR HER! IF SHE HAD KNOWN.. ELLEN WOULD'VE FLED BACK TO HER HOTEL AND READ A GOOD BOOK...
A Lovely Night in Paris!
BON SOIR, MADEMOISELLE! MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY TIME TONIGHT!
THANK YOU, MONSIEUR IT'S A LOVELY EVENING, ISN'T IT?
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EDITED BY GEO. WILDMAN
THAT GENDARME WAS AWFULLY NICE... THE POLICE AT HOME DON'T ALWAYS TAKE THE TIME TO BE THAT FRIENDLY!
SOMEONE GROANED IN THERE!
I DID HEAR SOMEONE GROAN...

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SUDDENLY, SHE SMELLED THEM... DAMP, MOLDY... AND VERY STRANGE...
THERE'S SOMETHING TH... A CHILD NO, THEY'RE...
IT'S THAT ALLEY ...I HAVE ALWAYS SUSPECTED SOMETHING IS VERY STRANGE ABOUT IT!
EEEE EEEE EEEE
WHO...LET ME GO... PLEASE, LET ME... THEY'RE NOT EVEN HUMAN!

MADEMOISELLE ?
NOTHING... BUT SHE CAME IN HERE... I SAW HER !
LESS THAN A WEEK AGO, A DERELICT WAS SLEEP-ING IN THIS ALLEY. I WENT TO TELEPHONE FOR A VEHICLE TO CONVEY HIM TO THE HOSPITAL... WHEN I RETURNED A MOMENT LATER, HE HAD VANISHED!
BUT HOW ? THERE IS NOWHERE THEY COULD'VE GONE...
EXCEPT POSSIBLY...
YES... HENRI MARCHAND'S HUNCH WAS CORRECT... ELLEN GRANT HAD VANISHED INTO THE STORM SEWER ...DRY NOW BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO HEAVY RAINS!
GO FASTER...IT IS FAR TO THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE CATACOMBS!
THE KING WILL LIKE HER!

AFTER THE TERROR HAD BEGUN TO SUBSIDE THE GIRL REALIZED SHE COULD SEE FAINTLY IN THE DARKNESS... HER CAPTORS WERE GROTESQUE CARICATURES OF HUMANS... AND SHE COULD SEE THEM BECAUSE THEY SEEMED TO GLOW WITH A VERY FAINT PHOSPHORESCENCE.
THEY'RE NOT VERY STRONG... BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!
WATCH!
I THINK THIS IS THE WAY WE CAME!
GRAB HER!
OOOHH!
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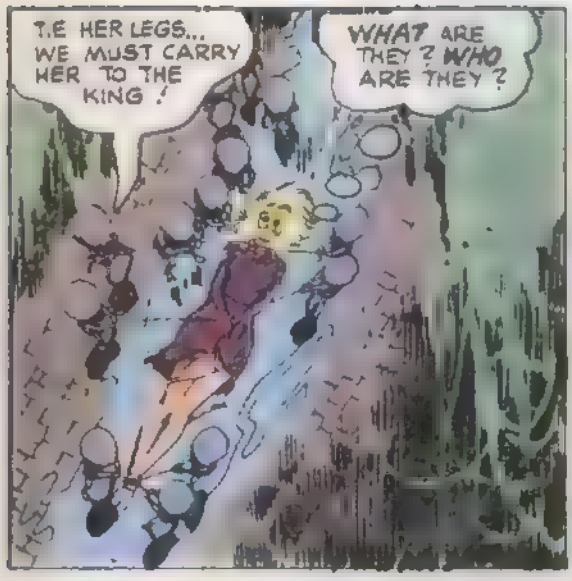
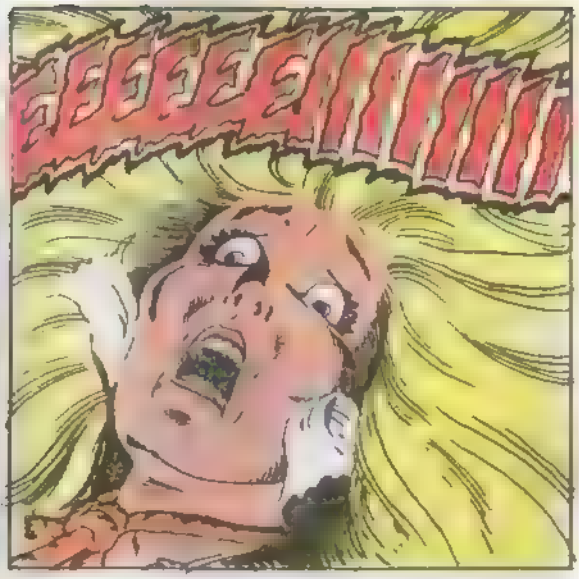

T.E HER LEGS... WE MUST CARRY HER TO THE KING!
WHAT ARE THEY? WHO ARE THEY?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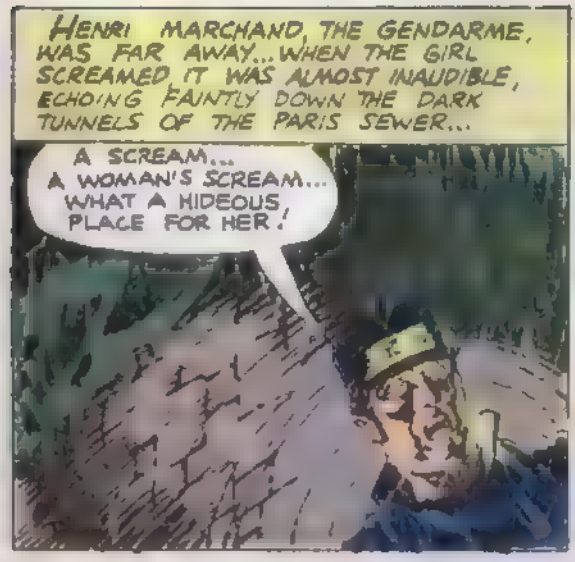
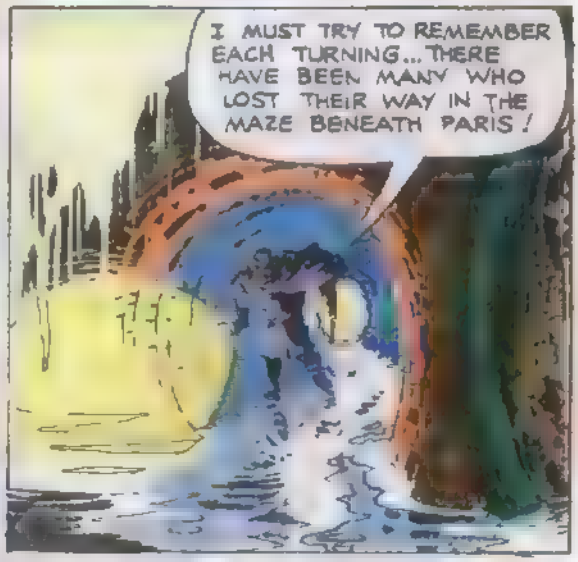

HENRI MARCHAND, THE GENDARME, WAS FAR AWAY... WHEN THE GIRL SCREAMED IT WAS ALMOST INAUDIBLE, ECHOING FAINTLY DOWN THE DARK TUNNELS OF THE PARIS SEWER...
A SCREAM... A WOMAN'S SCREAM... WHAT A HIDEOUS PLACE FOR HER!


I MUST TRY TO REMEMBER EACH TURNING... THERE HAVE BEEN MANY WHO LOST THEIR WAY IN THE MAZE BENEATH PARIS!

I HEARD SCRABBLING NOISES.
GOOD LORD THAT'S A HUGE RAT!

MY FATHER MANY TIMES HAS TOLD OF HOW THE HUGE RATS CAME FROM THE SEWERS IN WORLD WAR II WHEN THERE WERE MANY DEAD IN THE STREETS... I THOUGHT HE EXAGGERATED WHEN HE DESCRIBED THEM AS MONSTERS!
THAT IS NOT PART OF THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM... THAT IS OLDER... IT LOOKS ANCIENT... PERHAPS PART OF THE CATACOMBS!
THE CATACOMBS WERE ORIGINALLY STONE QUARRIES... LATER USED AS A BURIAL PLACE...
I HEARD VOICES... THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN HERE BESIDES RATS!
GET AWAY, YOU FILTHY RAT!
THE HUGE RODENT LEAPED AT THE GENDARME WITH A SQUEAL OF RAGE!

AS OFFICER MARCHAND SEARCHED IN VAIN THROUGH THE VAST UNDERGROUND MAZE, ELLEN GRANT WAS BEING CARRIED DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE ANCIENT UNDERGROUND QUARRIES - TURNED TOMBS!
THEY TALK TO EACH OTHER... IT SOUNDS A LITTLE LIKE FRENCH ...BUT IT'S SLURRED AND STRANGE.. I CANT UNDERSTAND THEM.
THEY SMELL HORRIBLE ... AND THERE ARE HUGE RATS EVERYWHERE!
WE WILL LEAVE HER HERE UNTIL THE KING IS READY! WATCH HER... SHE MAY TRY TO GET AWAY!
SHE SCREAMED...THEY PAID NO ATTENTION... WHO COULD HEAR HER HUNDREDS OF FEET BENEATH THE STREETS OF PARIS?
EEEEEE!!!
IT COMES FROM THE TUNNEL TO THE LEFT...IT IS THE [redacted]... SHE IS TERRIFIED!
EE-EEE
SO AM I!
BUT THE SCREAM WAS HEARD... THIS TIME HENRI MARCHAND WAS CLOSER...

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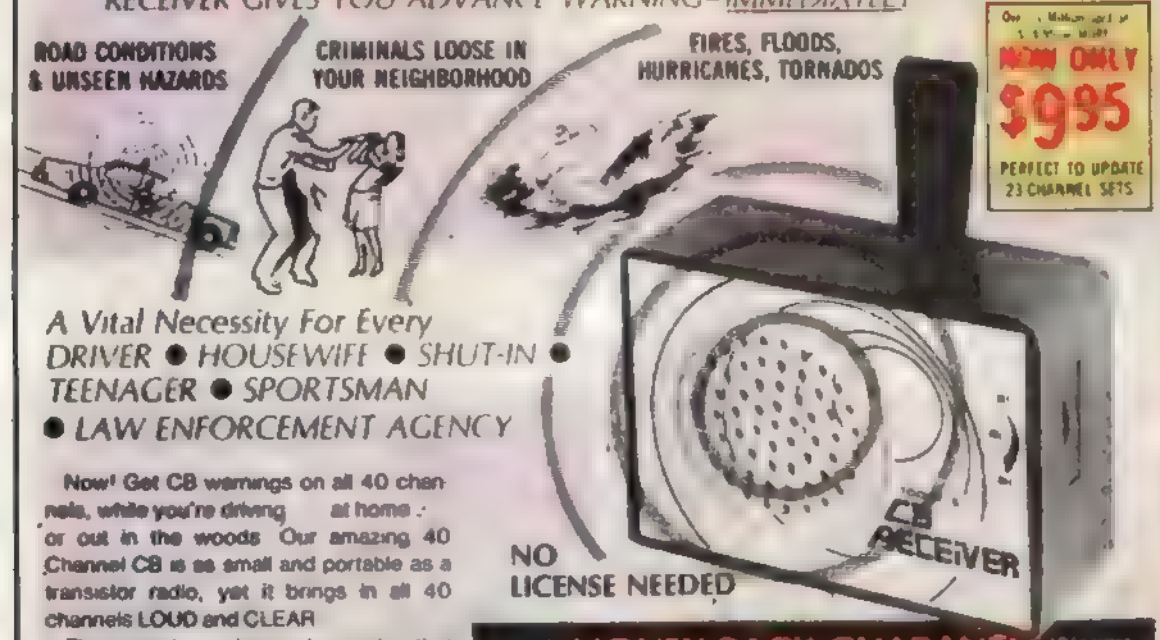
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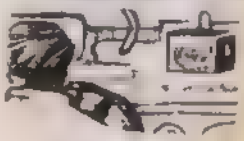

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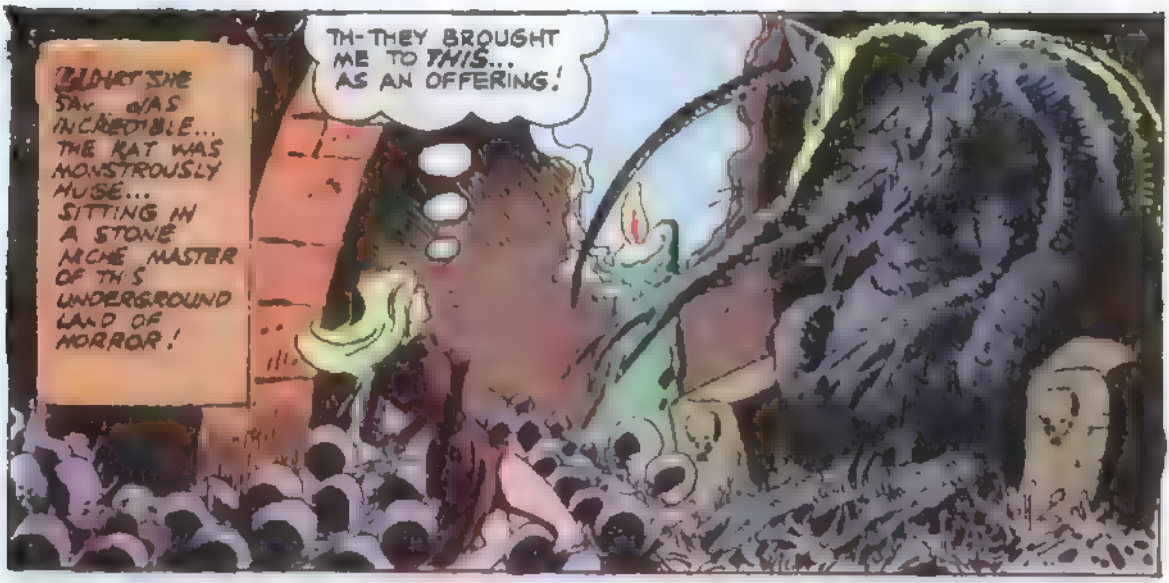
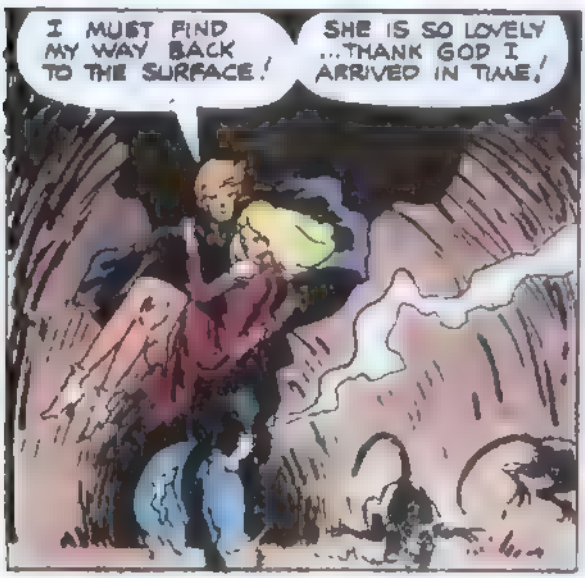
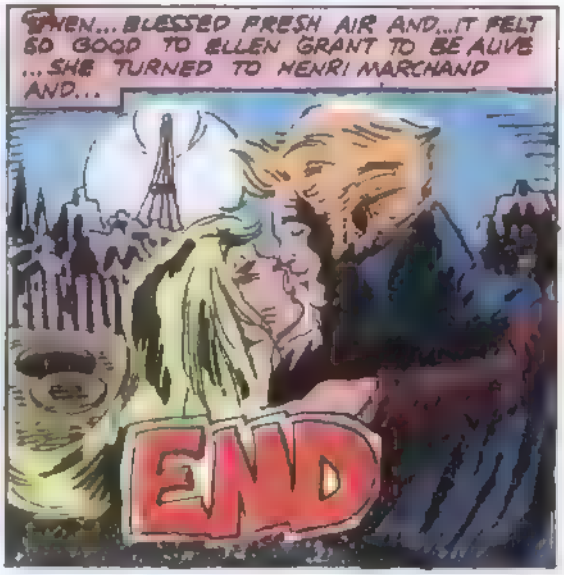
GOOD LORD!
GOT TWO OF THEM...
BAM! BAM!
THE GIRL HEARD THE SHOTS ..AND SHE SCREAMED AGAIN BEFORE ONE OF HER LITTLE CAPTORS CLAMPED A STINKING HAND OVER HER MOUTH!
THE KING IS READY... TAKE THE WOMAN TO HIM...
THEY'RE MOVING ME AGAIN...
OH, NO... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!


WHAT SHE SAW WAS INCREDIBLE... THE RAT WAS MONSTROUSLY HUGE... SITTING IN A STONE NICHE MASTER OF THIS UNDERGROUND LAND OF HORROR!
TH-THEY BROUGHT ME TO THIS... AS AN OFFERING!

THE RAT SNIPPED... TENTATIVELY, THEN THE GREAT MOUTH OPENED AND HE MOVED TOWARD THE GIRL... JUST AS HENRI MARCHAND BURST INTO THE CHAMBER!
A BULLET IN THE BRAIN... ANOTHER TO THE HEART... THAT DOES IT!
BAM!
BAM! BAM!


I MUST FIND MY WAY BACK TO THE SURFACE!
SHE IS SO LOVELY ...THANK GOD I ARRIVED IN TIME!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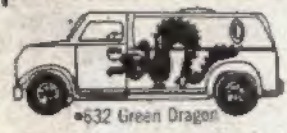

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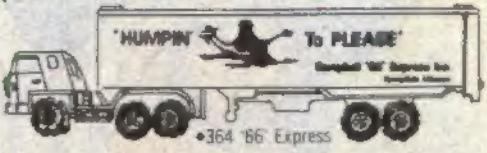


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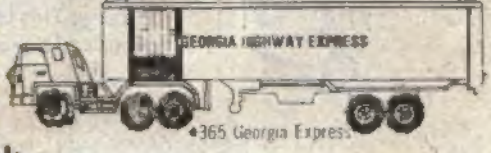


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